

HAINES ON TRIAL FOR KILLING WIFE, TALKS CONSTANTLY OF HUNGER

Impassive, Jason Haines, charged with murder in the first degree, listened yesterday while jurors for his trial were being selected, and gave no evidence of emotion.

Haines made a distinct impression on those near whom he sat because he constantly remarked that he was hungry. He paid no attention to those in the courtroom other than the jurors and the counsel.

An affecting scene was witnessed when his young son, after vain efforts to catch his eye, ran to him, and weeping, threw his arms about his father's knees. Haines patted the boy on the head and soothed him.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the court was similar in many respects to that of the morning. Examination of the jury continued until shortly after four o'clock when the first panel of jurors drawn had been nearly exhausted with a record of five peremptory challenges against the state and ten against the defense. Under the Connecticut law only 25 such challenges are permitted.

With the examination of the remaining jurors three were selected in close order. One was E. H. Sammis, of New Canaan, married and giving his occupation as an automobile dealer.

Another feature that stood out prominently in the questioning of the jurors was the fact that they had at some time, in the past, had dealings, or had known Haines, as a schoolboy or in hunting parties.

A partial list of those excused from sitting, after long examination by attorneys, shows: John S. Wakeman, market gardener, Westport; knew Haines; Fred Wood Redding, farmer, prejudiced against death penalty; J. Henry Blackman, Stratford, had sat upon grand jury which held Haines for trial; Edward Hoyt, New Canaan, prejudiced against capital punishment; John W. Sherwood, Monroe, farmer, prejudiced; George F. Dusean, Newtown, excused by court; Hixson W. Cole, Norwalk, had served on other criminal cases, excused peremptorily; Ernest E. Merritt, Greenwich, prejudiced against capital punishment; Edward C. Dufour, Stratford, knew Haines; William Keating, Bridgeport, juror counsel for defense; Thomas G. Ward, Haddam, excused; James H. Kelly, Bridgeport, prejudiced against death penalty; Fred S. Lyon, Norwalk, a former deputy sheriff, believed death penalty inadequate for crime of murder and was excused by defense; William H. Hall, Easton, had served on a murder jury; Theodore Olmstead, Wilton, had sat on the Bolnay murder case; Fred A. Lane, Norwalk, thought that he may have known Haines; Sylvester R. Keeler, Westport, excused peremptorily by defense; Andrew Deane, Shelton, aged 70, never on jury, peremptorily challenged by defense; Walter J. Joyce, Greenwich, prejudiced against death penalty; William S. Hawley, farmer, aged 39, knew Haines; Charles Sanford, Redding, excused by court; George F. Brown, former representative of Wilton, sat on Deposito trial.

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FOUR POLITICAL AGITATORS UNDER ARREST IN JAPAN'S PROBE OF A RACK ON OKUMA

Case Looks Serious for them, Popular Belief Is, Because Death Penalty Is Provided for Thefts of Explosives, According to Nipponese Laws.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—The belief that the attempt to assassinate Premier Count Okuma, which took place on January 12, was the work of political agitators has been supported by the arrest of four young men who embody modern political radicalism of a most extreme type. The four may prove very serious for them if convicted because the law of Japan provides even the death penalty for those found guilty of stealing explosives.

According to the police, Umataru Shimomura is the ring-leader of the band and it was he who actually threw the bomb at Count Okuma as he was returning to his residence from a state banquet at the imperial palace. The other arrested men include Wagoro Fukuda, a newspaper writer; Fujio Onikura and Masakichi Wada.

Fukuda, the newspaper writer, has been a leading member of the People's Diplomacy Association which has won the reputation in recent years of being always against the government and has constantly been demanding a more aggressive policy towards China. Also, he is alleged to have been involved in the riots in Tokyo which occurred subsequent to the making of the treaty of Portsmouth on the conclusion of the war between Russia and Japan.

Two men are alleged to have confessed but the details of their confession have not been made public.

Public opinion is inclined to class the defendants under the type of modern Japanese known as "ronins," or "samurai," that is, men of distinguished samurai of the 19th century who committed suicide after they had avenged the death of their leader.

The term ronin has been corrupted into today it signifies men without any fixed occupation who connect themselves with political movements. Literally ronin means wanderer.

The men are popularly supposed to be at the service of politicians or political parties who desire to launch a movement against the government in power.

Other papers declare that some political leaders may be involved in the plot upon the life of Count Okuma. The Hochi, which is supposed to be the organ of the Premier, has even gone so far as to allege that the would-be assassins had been given money by a certain political leader. Public opinion, however, has not determined to its own satisfaction whether the men acted as a demonstration against the life of the Okuma ministry.

man navy was realized, and Kiel became a Prussian naval stronghold. Lord Redesdale not only attributes to Lord John Russell the responsibility for making Germany a naval power, but he declares that his lack of force came particularly near involving Great Britain in a war with the United States half a century ago. He expresses the opinion that neither Russell nor Howard had anything to do with preventing hostilities, and that the credit belongs to President Lincoln, Queen Victoria, and Lord Lyons, then British minister to Washington. Of Lincoln the aged diplomat writes:

"Abraham Lincoln, tree-feller, rail-splitter, village postman and one of the greatest men that ever made history. This tall, gaunt, raw-boned, lantern-jawed man, fresh caught from Illinois, with none of the graces which the gods have given, save that supreme grace of truth and pellucid honesty which sweetens all intercourse."

Lord Redesdale's "Memoirs" also deal with many other distinguished men he has known—Switzerland, his schoolmate; Carlyle, Sayers and Heenan, the pugilists; Garibaldi, Sir Richard Burton, Brigham Young, Czar Alexander II, the Scogun of Nippon, and

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18 in. 24 in. Nickel Towel Rods were 85c	now 50c
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The \$20 kind	now priced at \$15
The \$30 kind	now priced at \$22.50

Dressers

The \$15 quality	now selling at \$11.50
The \$12.50 quality	now selling at \$9.75
The \$25 quality	now selling at \$18.75
The \$30 quality	now selling at \$22.50

Laundry Specials

\$1.50 Floor Brush	now 98c
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Paris, Feb. 24.—Several thousand postcards, reproductions of the original sketches and autograph dedications by noted French artists and writers presented last year to the American Ambassador, William Graves Sharp, have been printed for sale for the benefit of the Artists' Relief Fund. Monsieur Bonnet, President of the Institute and Chairman of the Committee of Friends of the Artists, has also just issued several hundred finely executed duplicates of one original four volumes that were presented to Ambassador Sharp. Nearly all the original sketches and letters of authors are reproduced in this volume. A number of copies will be sent to American institutions that have contributed in different ways to the relief of French victims of the war. The Committee France-America has also just issued in commemoration of the presentation ceremony at the Sorbonne an attractive brochure containing the addresses, in French and English, delivered at the time by Monsieur Hanotaux and Ambassador Sharp.

COL. MARGETTS OF SALVATION ARMY, WILL VISIT THIS CITY TONIGHT.

Col. J. E. Margetts, of New York, the National Young People's secretary of the Salvation Army in the United States, will visit Bridgeport tonight. Col. Margetts is a very interesting speaker and singer. All the Sunday schools of the Army throughout the country, numbering 800, are under the colonel's direction during the 15 years that he has had this appointment. This particular work has gone forward with great success. The Live Saving Scouts of the Army hail the colonel as their commander in chief, the Corps Cadets, who are in preliminary training for officership in the Army are also under his direction. Special music and singing will be a feature of this special meeting which will commence at 8 p. m.

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This is something that will not interfere in any way with the work of Manager Tinker of the Cubs. Getting along with his men and knowing how to handle them was one of the secrets of his success last summer with the White Sox. Every player was his friend, he played no favorites, and refused to tolerate petty jealousy among the players. He kept harmony in the ranks throughout the summer and as a result he had the players working together, hustling and trying to win all the time.

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Johnny Zimmerman, who caused a lot of disturbance on the team in the past, has written a letter, in which he says he will be on his good behavior this summer, to show the fans that he is greater ballplayer than he has been given credit for the last three years. The rest of the Cubs are easy to keep under control, as there is not a rowdy on the list Tinker has announced he will keep. All of them are more than satisfied with the change and look forward to a lively season in the National league.

Steve Yerkes, who was bought from Pittsburgh to play second base for the Cubs, is the latest player to write in giving his views on the Cub team and Manager Tinker. He is one of the highest salaried keystone sackers in the league, as he receives a stipend of \$5,000, which is \$2,400 more than he obtained while a member of the Boston Red Sox from which club he jumped to the Federal league.

"I am so delighted to learn that Tinker wants me for his club and that he has completed arrangements whereby I will be with him this season," wrote Yerkes in response to a letter asking his views. "It will be a pleasure to work for him because of his thorough knowledge of the game, and because of a desire I have had a number of years to play in Chicago."

"I was fortunate enough to be with the Boston Red Sox when they won a pennant, and I have a hunch that I am about to join another club which has an excellent chance to finish on top of the league this year. The team looks good to me on paper, and from what I know of the fellows will go well on the field."

"I am ready to go south and will be glad when the time comes to leave for Tampa. I want to get acquainted with the boys, although I already know a number of them. My sincere wish is that I can play wonderful ball for Tinker and the Chicago club, and that my efforts will please the fans."

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